# **Archaeological camp Irschen 2022**

#### Dates:

The 2022 archaeological camp will take place from July 8th to 29th.

Organised by the municipality of Irschen in cooperation with the university of Innsbruck.





## **Academic programme**

Over the course of the archaeological camp you will:

- Spend at least 15 days on site, gaining handson technical training by excavating and processing finds
- Develop a range of career-ready skills including archaeological excavation, surveying,
  3D-modelling and recording techniques such as archaeological drawing methods and the use of record sheets
- Learn how to assess the significance of an archaeological site within its heritage setting in general, and that of the antique landscape of south-western Noricum in particular
- Learn how to describe and explain the chronological relationships between various archaeological deposits (Harris-Matrix)
- Develop your teamwork and communication skills

#### Is it for me?

The archaeological camp is open to students in the fields of archaeology, history, ancient studies, regional development, monument preservation studies with or without previous site-based experience. Our expert faculty staff will help you to develop your excavation, post-excavation analytical and archaeological skills.

### What will I learn?

Together we will uncover an exciting and important monument in late antiquity. You will learn how to apply archaeological theory through practical experience. This camp experience will teach you to critically assess an archaeological site within its historical and physical landscape and analyse your excavated finds. We will accompany the development of a educational game on several topics of late antiquity in the south-eastern Alps and try out the first sketches.

This camp is a field-based programme using a live archaeological dig site. Please be aware of the following:

- This archaeological camp includes physically demanding excavations on a full-time basis.
- You may be asked to work outside in varied weather conditions and on demanding terrain (steep access).
- You must follow all directions as to site safety and protocol at the risk of being asked to leave site.
- You will be asked to provide suitable clothing and footwear.



### About the site

Since 2016, a Late Antique hilltop settlement (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> century AD) has been excavated on the Burgbichl in Irschen (Carinthia/Austria) by the University of Innsbruck and the Austrian Archaeological Institute. It is located on a hill about 170 m high and is enclosed by a fortification wall. The settlement area is divided into terraces on which there are residential buildings and workshops. The most important building on the hilltop is an early Christian church.

This year, archaeological excavations will be carried out on several terraces to search for residential buildings. Another focus will be on the early Christian church, where investigations in the surroundings are planned, where individual graves are located.



### What's included?

Travel costs, accommodation and meals.

Visits of archaeological sites and museums in the region.

Credits: Upon successful completion of the programme students will

receive credits suggested as equivalent to 5 ECTS. accomodation:

All participants of the excavation will stay in a guest house in the centre of Irschen. There will be breakfast and the possibility to cook your own meals in the evening.

At the weekend, trips will be made to archaeological sites in the surrounding area like a visit in Teurnia:





